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APPLICANT : Jonathan A. Nagel et al.

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TITLE : METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR SHARING PUMP ENERGY
FROM A SINGLE PUMP ARRANGEMENT TO OPTICAL FIBERS
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PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) AND AMENDMENT

Applicants hereby petition the Assistant Commissioner to grant a one (1) month extension of time, up to and including Tuesday, November 2, 2004, in which to respond to the Office Action mailed July 2, 2004 in the above-identified application. The extension fee in the amount of \$55.00 may be charged to deposit account No. 50-1047. In addition, any deficiencies may be charged to deposit account No. 50-1047.

In response to the Office Action mailed July 2, 2004, the period therefore having been extended by a Petition therefore and payment of the extension fee, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows.